



The GREEN LEAF

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Ecofest Arlington
September 17, 2011
10 am - 10 pm
EcofestArlington.com

Founders Plaza & Levitt Pavilion
100 W. Abram Street
Downtown Arlington
817.459.5474

FREE ADMISSION

- Rain Barrel Classes*
- Free Trees
- Compost Demonstrations
- Children's Activities
- Bike Safety Town
- Entertainment
- Local Vendors
- Local Food
- Beer Garden

*Pre-Registration is Required

Live Music featuring a concert by **Spoonfed Tribe** 8 p.m.

Opening Act is **Velvet Lovebox** starting at 6:30 p.m.

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The goal of Ecofest Arlington 2011 is to build a sense of community, stimulate environmental awareness and promote stewardship.

We are still accepting applications for vendors! Please visit the website www.EcofestArlington.com for pricing. Reserve your booth today and get exposure to over 10,000 attendees.

Dear Team, Eco Enthusiasts, Environmental Friends,

The 3rd annual Ecofest Arlington is Saturday, September 17th. We are expecting upwards of 10,000 attendees. There are still vendor tables available so if you know a green business looking for some market exposure, please send them to EcofestArlington.com to sign up. Green Team members can earn points towards their 2011 score by signing up volunteers. Please contact me for more information on how to help us make the event even more successful than last year.

This summer's heat has put a strain on both the electrical grid and the water supply. This issue contains information about ONCOR's free energy audits and the Mandatory water restrictions taking effect Monday, August 29th. Commercial properties will be limited to watering Tuesday and Friday. See the article on page 2 for more information and web links.

See you at Ecofest,

Tim Yatko
Commercial Sustainability Coordinator
City of Arlington

Take a Load Off Texas: Conducting Energy Audits for Business

As North Texas makes progress towards setting the record for most summer days of over 100°F, The Electricity Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) encourages everyone to conserve as much energy as they can, especially the amount of energy used for air conditioning.



Getting a free energy audit from ONCOR could help save your business money on its electric bill, and help reduce the demand on north Texas' energy grid.

For more information about ONCOR's free energy audit program, please contact Greg Barker, ONCOR's outreach representative. He can be reached at gbarker@nexant.com or via phone 713-982-5561.



Stage 1 water restrictions begin Monday, August 29th

On Monday, August 22, the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) declared that their water supply reservoirs will fall to 75% capacity by the end of the week (letter attached). In response, TRWD and Arlington will implement Stage 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan which includes mandatory watering restrictions on **Monday, August 29. Commercial Properties can water Tuesday & Friday ONLY.**

Implementation of Stage 1 drought restrictions requires an increased public education and compliance enforcement efforts. A utility bill insert was provided in the August water bill detailing upcoming watering restrictions and they allowable days of watering when Stage 1 begins. A drought website was created and includes articles, videos, and tips on efficient watering practices. You can directly go to the drought website here:

http://www.arlingtontx.gov/water/waterconservation_drought.html

Code compliance will increase investigations for watering concerns and the new online reporting form has been adjusted for an immediate inspection for certain watering violations. Violators will be provided a written warning for the first violation as the goal is to gain compliance with the restrictions. Citations may be issued for subsequent violations.

Over the last month, Arlington Water Utilities has been in contact with some of our largest water users such as AISD, Dallas Cowboys, and the City of Arlington Parks and Recreation Department so that they could begin making adjustments to their watering schedules and be prepared for the watering restrictions.

For full detail of Stage 1 restrictions, the full drought plan can be read here:
http://www.arlingtontx.gov/water/pdf/Arlington_Drought_Contingency_Plan_2008.pdf

Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Energy Star Portfolio Manager is a free, online tracking program to help you baseline your energy and water use and reach your conservation goals.



To help manage your energy and water use, you can sign up for this free program through the website. [Recognition for your energy saving efforts](#) is possible through both the Green Team program, and Energy Star. Sign up today and start visualizing your energy savings.

[Click here to start with Portfolio Manager](#)



Texas Power, a Green Team member since 2009 has partnered with the City of Arlington to offer Power Up Arlington. By signing up with Texas Power, Arlington's preferred electric provider, a portion of proceeds will automatically go to support our City and its services. The website has more information:

<http://www.poweruparlington.com/power-up-arlington.aspx>

T-Shirts Need a shirt?

There are still Green Team shirts for Green Team members. If you don't have one yet, [let me know!](#)



Smartscape landscaping and drip irrigation at City Hall.

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